

## Puget Sound Priorities for 2010 Legislative Session

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### Budget Priorities

- The Governor's proposed budget provides \$10 million in capital funding to the Puget Sound Partnership to provide grants to local governments, tribes, and state agencies for restoration and recovery projects identified as priorities in the Action Agenda.
- \$4.9 million is proposed for the Department of Transportation to comply with new stormwater requirements for state roads.

### Legislative Priorities

- **Limiting the use of copper and other substances in vehicle brake pads** (Senate Bill 6557) — Agency request legislation jointly initiated by the Puget Sound Partnership and the Department of Ecology. The goal of the bill is to limit the use of copper in vehicle brake pads. Vehicle brake pads represent a significant source of copper in our environment, threatening the health of our streams, rivers and marine environment, and particularly our threatened and endangered salmon.
- **Utilizing marine spatial planning for management of marine waters** (Senate Bill 6350) — Establishes an interagency team, Chaired by the Governor and composed of Natural Resources cabinet agencies with jurisdiction over marine issues, to assess and make recommendations to develop a marine management plan with a marine spatial component for the outer coast, as well as incorporate a marine spatial component into the Puget Sound Action Agenda and management efforts for the Columbia river estuary.

### Other Legislative Issues Related to Puget Sound Recovery

- **The Secure Medicine Return Bill** (House Bill 1165) — Establish a producer-provided medicine return program for unwanted prescription drugs, including controlled substances, and over-the-counter medicines. The goal is to ensure collected waste medicines will be safely disposed at a hazardous waste facility and do not impact public safety or contribute to environmental pollution.
- **Regarding high-density urban development** (House Bill 2538) — Authorizes certain planning jurisdictions under the Growth Management Act to include compact development in their comprehensive plans, requires the development of an environmental impact statement for any compact development plan, encourages the establishment of a transfer of development rights program for planning jurisdictions that include compact development in their comprehensive plans and provides funding incentives.
- **Examining the environmental impacts of seawater desalination** (Senate Bill 6347) — Initiates an examination regarding of the impacts, seawater desalination, including the environmental impacts of seawater desalination facilities; impacts to nearshore habitat; disposal of waste and by-products; and laws and regulations of other states.
- **Eliminating certain boards and commissions** (House Bill 2617 and Senate Bill 6426) — Requested by the Governor to eliminate more than 70 boards and commissions, including the Oil Spill Advisory Council.